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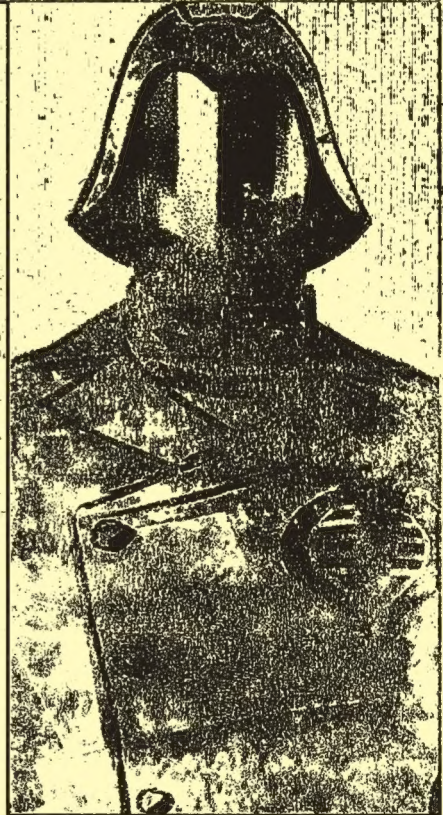
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FOUR
ATTACKS IN
FORTY-EIGHT
HOURS.

**M.A.R.S. FIELD TESTING.
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.**

NEARLY
EVERY SINGLE
ONE OF OUR
BASES HAS BEEN
ATTACKED. QUICK
AND VIOLENT BY
A SKILLED
TEAM.

**M.A.R.S. SECURE STORAGE.
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.**

THEY DON'T
LEAVE ANY
WITNESSES TO
TELL THE
TALE.

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MERCER,
THESE
INTRUSIONS
ARE DRAWING
UNWANTED
ATTENTION
TO US...



WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ATTACKS?

A NEW PLAYER, BOSS.

I'VE ONLY HEARD SOME WHISPERS...RUMORS, Y'KNOW? SOMEONE'S RECRUITING MERCS WITH PROMISE OF MONEY AND MORE.

WHAT COULD BE MORE THAN MONEY?

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S WORKING.



THEY HAVE BEEN **STEALING** FROM ME.

AFTER THE DISASTER WITH DUKE, I CAN NO LONGER ALLOW MYSELF OR M.A.R.S. TO LOSE FACE LIKE THIS.

WE **MUST** PUT A STOP TO THIS. AT ALL COSTS.



WELL, IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, DESTRO, THEY DIDN'T STEAL ANYTHING THIS TIME.



GO ON.



THIS WAS ABOUT LEAVING A MESSAGE...



SO WHY
DON'T WE KILL THE
MESSENGER?

OY,
PLEASE
DON'T...

I WANT
TO GO HOME,
DROWN MYSELF IN
GRAPE SODA AND
CHOCOLATE DONUTS,
AND FORGET
THIS EVER
HAPPENED.



I
KNOW
YOU.

DREADNOKS.
YOUR PEOPLE
WORK FOR ME.
TRAFFIC WEAPONS
FOR US.

YOU
BETRAY
ME?

NOT AT ALL,
MATE. I'VE BEEN
JUST AS MUCH A
VICTIM AS YOU. HE
WANTED ME TO GIVE
YOU THIS...AND TOLD
ME TO TELL YOU,
"WE SHOULD MEET."



AN
INVITATION?
H.M.
MERCER...



"READY MY HELICOPTER."



"AND YOUR FINEST FORCES."

"I'D HATE TO BE LATE TO OUR HOST'S PARTY."



"WE'RE HERE."



"SHOW THE WAY, AUSSIE."

"I TOLD YOU WHAT HE SAID, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ELSE!"



"H.M."

"ARE YOU SURE **THIS** IS WHERE HE WANTED TO MEET?"



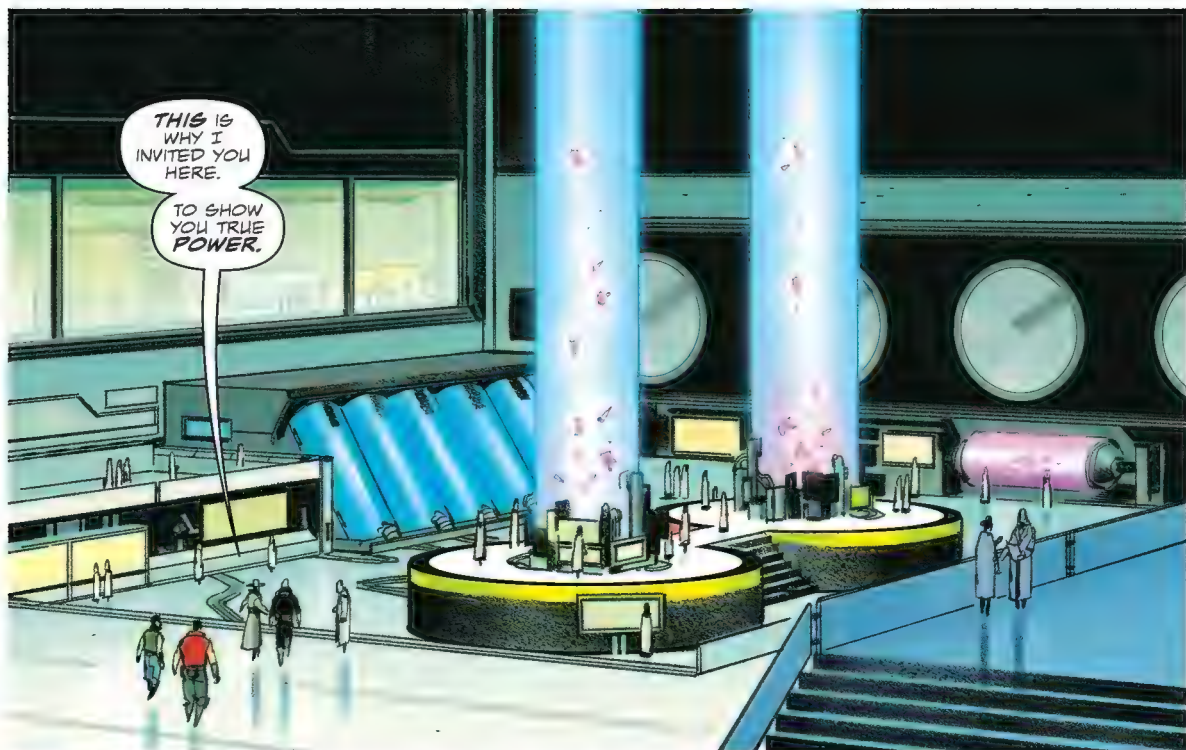
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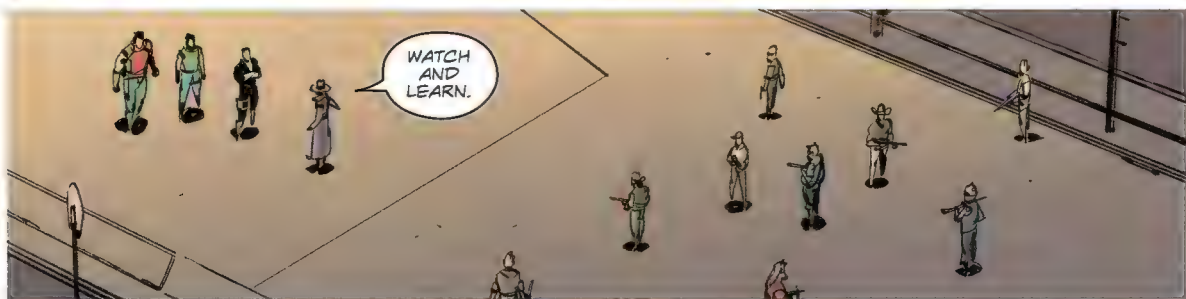
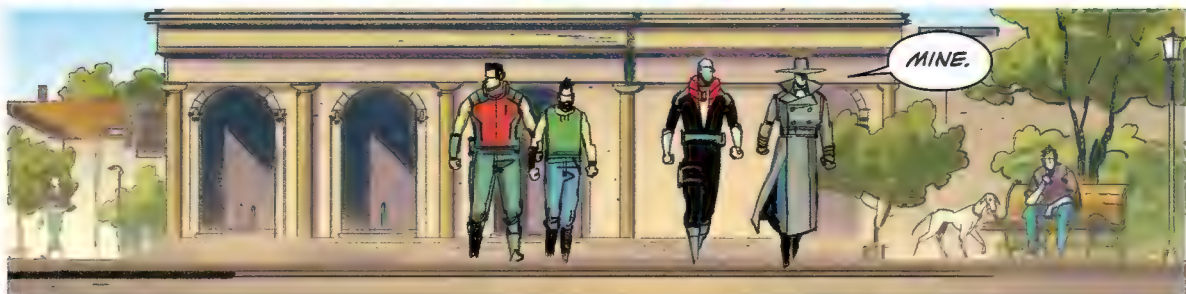
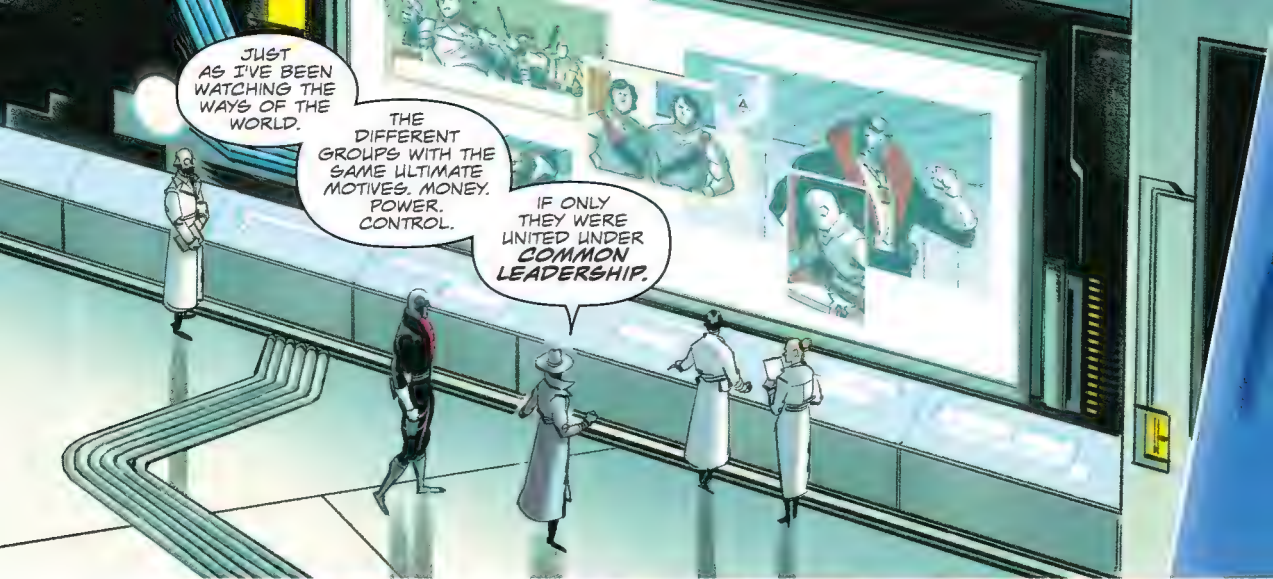












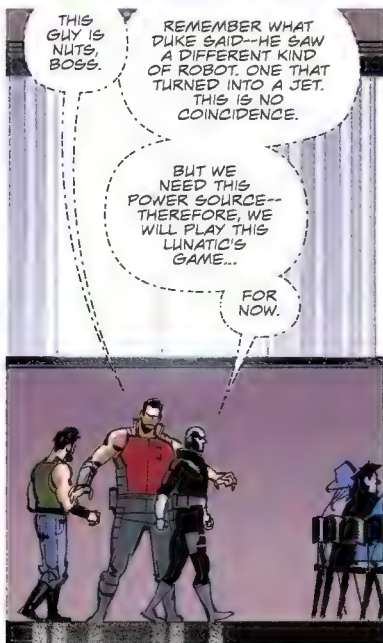








MY
SECRET
WEAPON.



THIS
GUY IS
NUTS,
BOSS.

REMEMBER WHAT
DUKE SAID--HE SAW
A DIFFERENT KIND
OF ROBOT. ONE THAT
TURNED INTO A JET.
THIS IS NO
COINCIDENCE.

BUT WE
NEED THIS
POWER SOURCE--
THEREFORE, WE
WILL PLAY THIS
LUNATIC'S
GAME...

FOR
NOW.



YOU ALL CAME
HERE NOT
BECAUSE OF
WHAT I HAVE TO
OFFER.

BUT
TO FIND
PURPOSE.

I WAS
LOST ONCE,
TOO.

EVERYTHING
IN MY BENG
TOLD ME THERE
WAS MORE OUT
THERE IN THE
WORLD.



IT TOOK
PAIN FOR ME
TO SEE WHAT I
WAS TRULY
CAPABLE OF.



I HAVE SEEN
MORE THAN
YOU CAN EVER
IMAGINE.

AND I WILL
SHARE IT WITH
YOU SO WE CAN
CREATE A NEW
WORLD.

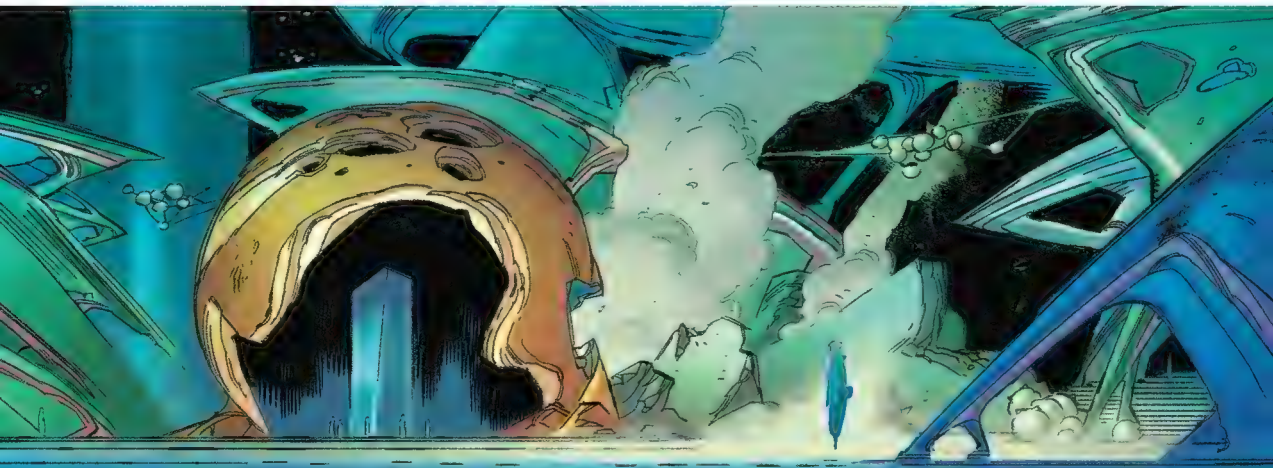
TOGETHER...





...WE ARE
COBRA.

COBRA-LA.





IT WAS A MISTAKE
EVER ALLOWING AN
OUTSIDER
INTO OUR WORLD, LORD
GOLOBULUS.

NEMESIS HASN'T
CHECKED IN FOR MANY
DAYS. I HESITATE TO
SAY HE FAILED IN HIS
MISSION TO KILL
THAT PSYCHO.



LOOK AT THIS,
PYTHONA. HE KNEW SO
MUCH MORE ABOUT
THE SPECIMEN THAN HE
EVER TOLD US.

IT WAS
NOT FROM
THE OUTSIDE
WORLD AT
ALL.

THEY
ESCAPED
A WAR TO
COME
HERE...



A WORLD OF
BLASPHEMOUS
METAL. OUR
OPPOSITE IN THE
UNIVERSE. THEY
BETRAY OUR VERY
BEING AND
EVERYTHING WE
STAND FOR.



AND THEY
ARE **HERE**
NOW. THEY
WILL BRING
ABOUT OUR
DEMISE.

WE MUST
SEND ANOTHER
AGENT TO FIND THE
COMMANDER. BRING
HIM BACK TO US SO
I CAN SQUEEZE THE
LIFE OUT OF HIM
MYSELF.

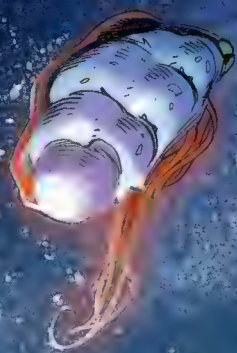


AND I WILL
EXPLORE THE
SOURCE OF
THESE...
INVADERS.



IF THIS EMPIRE
OF STEEL WISHES TO
TAKE WHAT IS OURS, I
WILL UNCOVER THEIR
HISTORY AND
WEAKNESSES...

"...AND TAKE
THIS WAR TO
THE STARS."





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Cobra. This series was always going to end with the formation of Cobra, and now we're here. I hope you enjoyed reading it as much as we had in making it.

Wow. We're here
been such a reward
in many ways
my favorite chara
for a new universe. And now
to watch as Cobra Commander
COBRA. Thank
the issue
tremendous

I hope you
GOM UNIVERSE
a few weeks

Hi all,

It's such a pleasure to read all the titles in the Energon Universe. Not since The Fall of the Mutants have I gobbled up all the tie-ins to a story. I loved the 1:10 incentive cover for issue 3... I refer to it as the Hulk 340 tribute cover! Despite this, I have to ask, why wasn't there a cover featuring Cobra Commander with the smeared-blood happy face?

Looking forward to some more EU goodness in 2024!

Stéfan Bourassa
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

I was genuinely surprised by how overwhelmingly people LOVED the bloody happy face Commander. It definitely speaks to how the team nailed the final page of the issue that drove that response and elevated from horrific to iconic.

that moment is
clicked for

my
it to

lucky
yeah

To Josh, Sean, and all of the team on Cobra Commander,

My older brother gifted me with

G.I.Joe: the Movie for my 5th birthday back in 1988...the most-watched VHS tape of our childhood! I absolutely loved it and couldn't get enough of that Nemesis Enforcer vs. Sgt. Slaughter showdown. Bizarre as it was, the Cobra-La 3-pack was soon added to our figure collection of G.I.Joe toys.

Same, Michael. Same. My Sgt. Slaughter stayed cruising around in his Warthog on his way to crush Cobra-La.

was hooked
and then it took
a whole new level. I
the toys from the movie
I AM. You can see its inf
everything we're doing

It is beyond awesome that the excitement I had for Nemesis Enforcer as a kid has been reignited in the pages of the Cobra Commander comic over 35 years later! That two-page splash in issue #3 is nothing short of glorious! And think, we'll be getting a new action figure of this great warrior in the Classified line before long... Cobra-La is back and cooler than ever, thanks solely to the work you all are putting in here!

two-page spread was one of
earliest visuals I thought
were putting the series
I know we wanted a
I know we wanted a
I know we wanted a
I know we wanted a
I know we wanted a

The tone of Josh's writing and Andrea's haunting art continue to captivate this reader. The transformation of Cobra Commander's mask from chrome canvas to Dreadnok art is a thing of horrific beauty, with echoes of one of the greatest villains in all of comics. Brutal, but so well done!

Thank you! No, I regret him wiping the blood at the start of #4! Haha

I know there have been many calls for various characters to make their appearances in this new Energon universe. I respect the restraint that Joshua and others have shown in taking time to flesh out the characters we have seen thus far. I am all for a slow-



burn when it is done so well. I appreciate getting to spend more time that I am accustomed to with several of these key characters from the G.I. Joe mythos. With any luck, there will be ample opportunity to explore many aspects of this universe and other characters in it for years to come!

Cobra Lalalalalalalala!
Michael Nie

Thanks, Michael. As you can see, Cobra-La isn't going anywhere yet.

Some of the things I'm able to respect to it, because it's my favorite

capturing the right tone in the writing and the art. Andrea and Annalisa's work has definitely delivered on that. As for more Pythona? All I can say is, I hope you're reading other EU titles because you won't have to wait too long.

With the new mythology, and shifting some character dynamics around, like Baroness in Duke for instance, was it difficult to write without the entire supporting cast in the individual books? I can't imagine separating the cast wasn't challenging at some points of the overall storyline. (But I'm sure it'll pay off long term)

I wouldn't say it was difficult is the core is well established been about keeping them to core or who they are, respecting that, and then throwing them new situations to see how they react to them. I also try to keep an eye on the big picture, and the massive tapestry of the story, so it helps my head keep it all in check

Thank you guys for tackling the Joe/Transformers mythology in a new and exciting way!

-Zach from Georgia

Dear Joe Team,

Long time Skybound reader, first time writing in. Cobra La forces versus Dreadnoks wasn't something I knew I needed in my life until issue 3! With several apparent deaths of the aforementioned Dreadnoks in the last issue, I'm curious if you guys could share what the stakes are in terms of character deaths in this run? We've crossed over into sci-fi a bit but I love how grounded you've managed to keep the stakes in all the current Energon Universe titles!

Dead is dead... so we just maim the ones we love (see Buzzer's fate in COBRA COMMANDER #4). When we next see the surviving Dreadnoks, they will definitely be changed from their encounter with Cobra Commander.

The next time we see the Dreadnoks they will 100% be changed after this battle, in some fun ways that fits with the universe that we're building. But it's also we are careful with who we kill want to make sure it always means something

I was also curious that, with the Cobra La mythology being somewhat controversial among Joe purists, did you all see that as a positive with reinventing certain things and keeping some characters and stories? Also, are we going to continue to see some of the characters introduced earlier in the series return? (I need more Pythona in my life!)

Josh, Robert, and myself are complete Cobra-La cultists. So it was less about reinvention than

Cobra Commander's story definitely doesn't end here, so be sure to check out the debut of SCARLETT and DESTRO in June! We even got a preview on the following pages.

Also, we have some big Energon Universe news hitting soon, and most of the crew will be at SDCC to discuss in person! See you there.

-Sean

Like Sean said...see you at SDCC where we talk about what is coming next. Until then

COBRA-LALALALALALALA!

-Josh

THE **COBRA**  THREAT CONTINUES



DESTRO

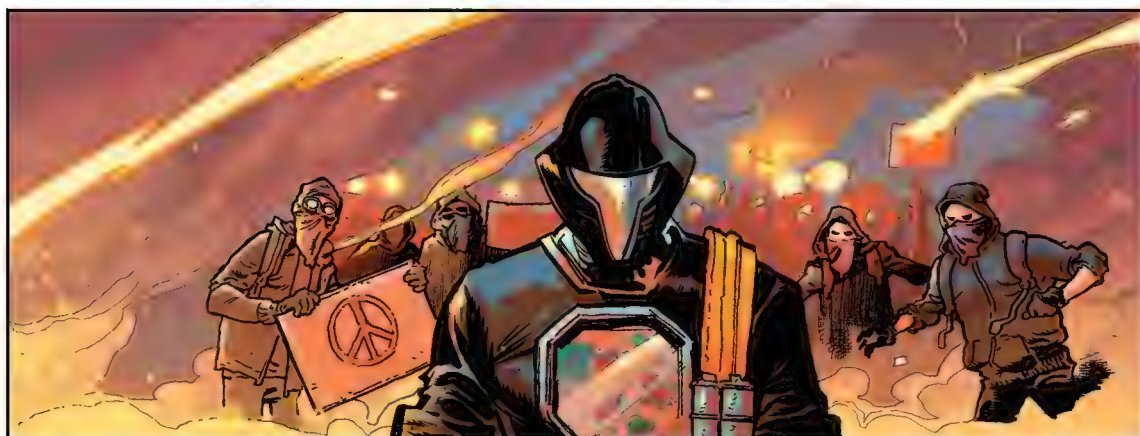
Superstar writer **DAN WATTERS** (*Universal Monsters: Creature From the Black Lagoon Lives!*) and acclaimed artist **ANDREI BRESSAN** (*Dark Ride*) change the balance of power in the Energon Universe forever!

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BATTLE ANDROID TROOPER
[ADVANCED PROTOTYPE]

HEAT SIGNATURE
TARGETING SYSTEM

MODULAR GATLING
ARM CANNON
(SUBSTITUTABLE)

LOGIC
CIRCUITRY
(PROTOTYPE)



CHICK



BANG BANG BANG BANG
BANG BANG BANG BANG



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HOW
IS IT STILL
STANDING?

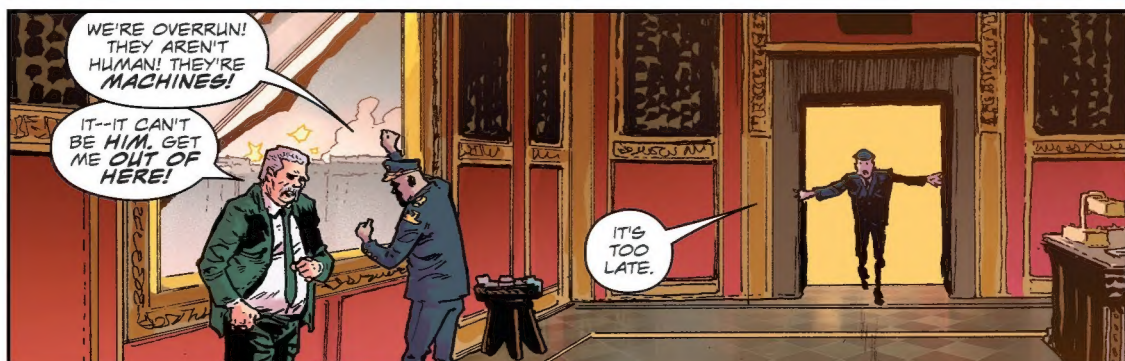
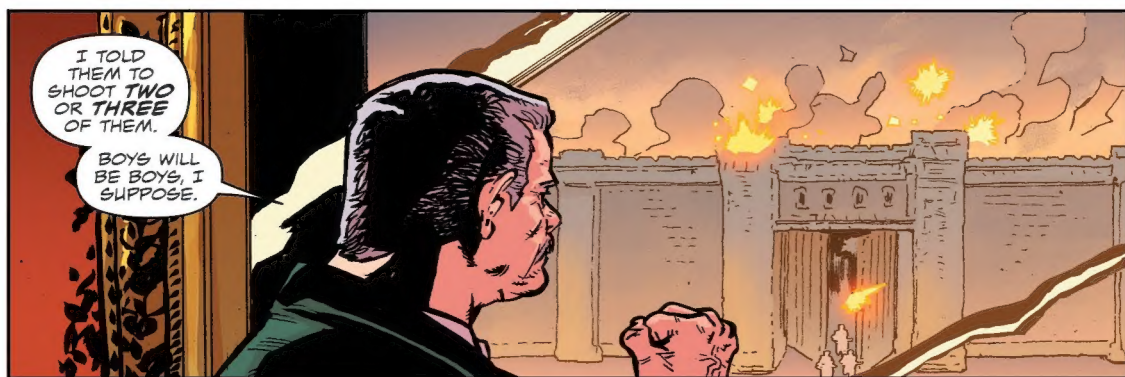
WHERE
DID IT
COME
FROM?

OH,
GOD! UP
THERE...





"...THERE
ARE **MORE**
INCOMING!"





CODENAME **GIJOE** CONTINUES

SCARLETT

Red-hot writer **KELLY THOMPSON** (DC's *Birds of Prey*) and artist **MARCO FERRARI** (*Frontiersman*) introduce some of the most anticipated characters to the Energon Universe.

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